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ENROLMENT OF MUSLIM STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Muslim enrolment in primary and upper primary level separately in each State and Union Territory including Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07 and 2007-2008;

(b) the details of Muslims belonging to SC/ST and OBC in each State and Union Territories; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to increase the enrolment of Muslim students?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) While information on students enrolled at different levels in various educational institutions in the country based on religion is not maintained centrally,according to the National University of Education Planning and Administration's (NUPEA) District Information System for Education(DISE), the elementary education percentage enrolment of Muslim children in the 6-14 years age group compared to the communities' share in the population, shows a national coverage of 9.39% at primary and 7.62% at upper primary level for the year 2006-07. In the case of AP it is 10.00% and 9.11% and in UP it is 9.24% and 7.18%, in Bihar 8.95% and 6.60%, in West Bengal 27.9% and 19.63%, while in Kerala it is 10.13% and 9.59%, respectively. Data collected on muslim children Under DISE system for elementary education, was done for the first time in September, 2006. The data sets stabilize in a few years.

(c) In order to encourage enrolment of children of muslim community, Govt. of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of pre/post matric scholarship for students of class I to X belonging to the minority community.